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The Honorable Brien McMahon  
Chairman  
Joint Committee on Atomic Energy  
Congress of the United States  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Attached hereto for your information is a copy of the latest estimate of the "Status of the Soviet Atomic Energy Program" dated 28 July 1951. This report was prepared by the Central Intelligence Agency and has been agreed upon by members of the Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence Committee. It was approved without comments on 26 July 1951 at a meeting of the Intelligence Advisory Committee, and thus represents the collective efforts of all the pertinent intelligence producing agencies of the Government.

I realize that the delay in your receiving this estimate may have caused some inconvenience, but I believe that the present paper, completely agreed to by all the participating agencies, will be of greater value to you and your Committee.

With kindest regards, I am

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Sincerely,

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Director

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